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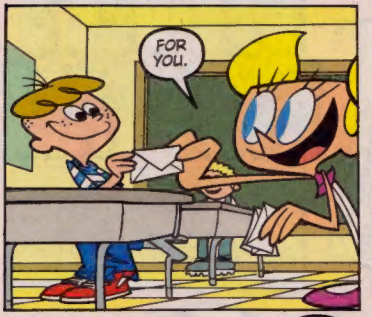
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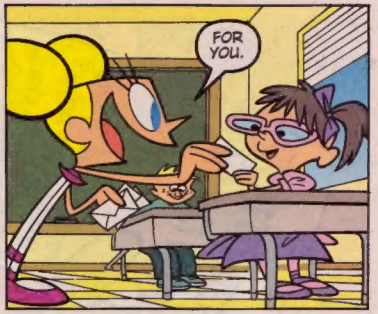
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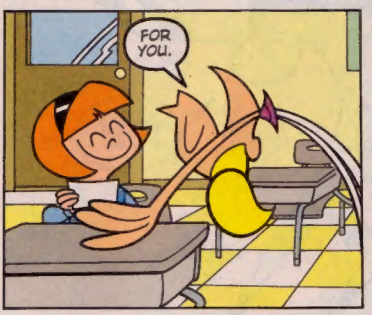
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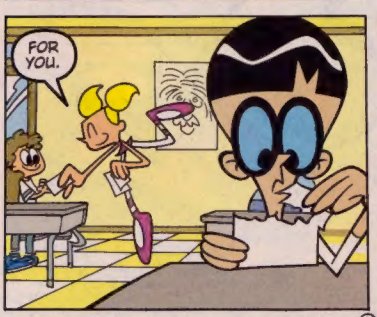
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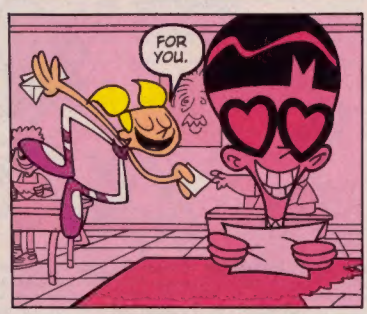
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DEE-DEE'S PONY TALE

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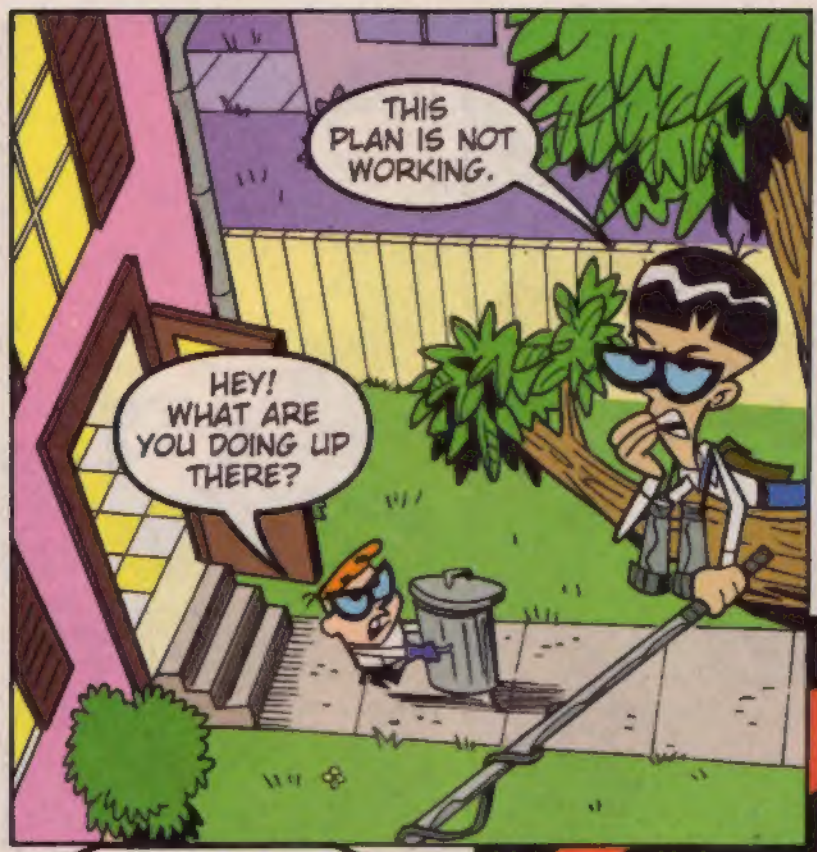
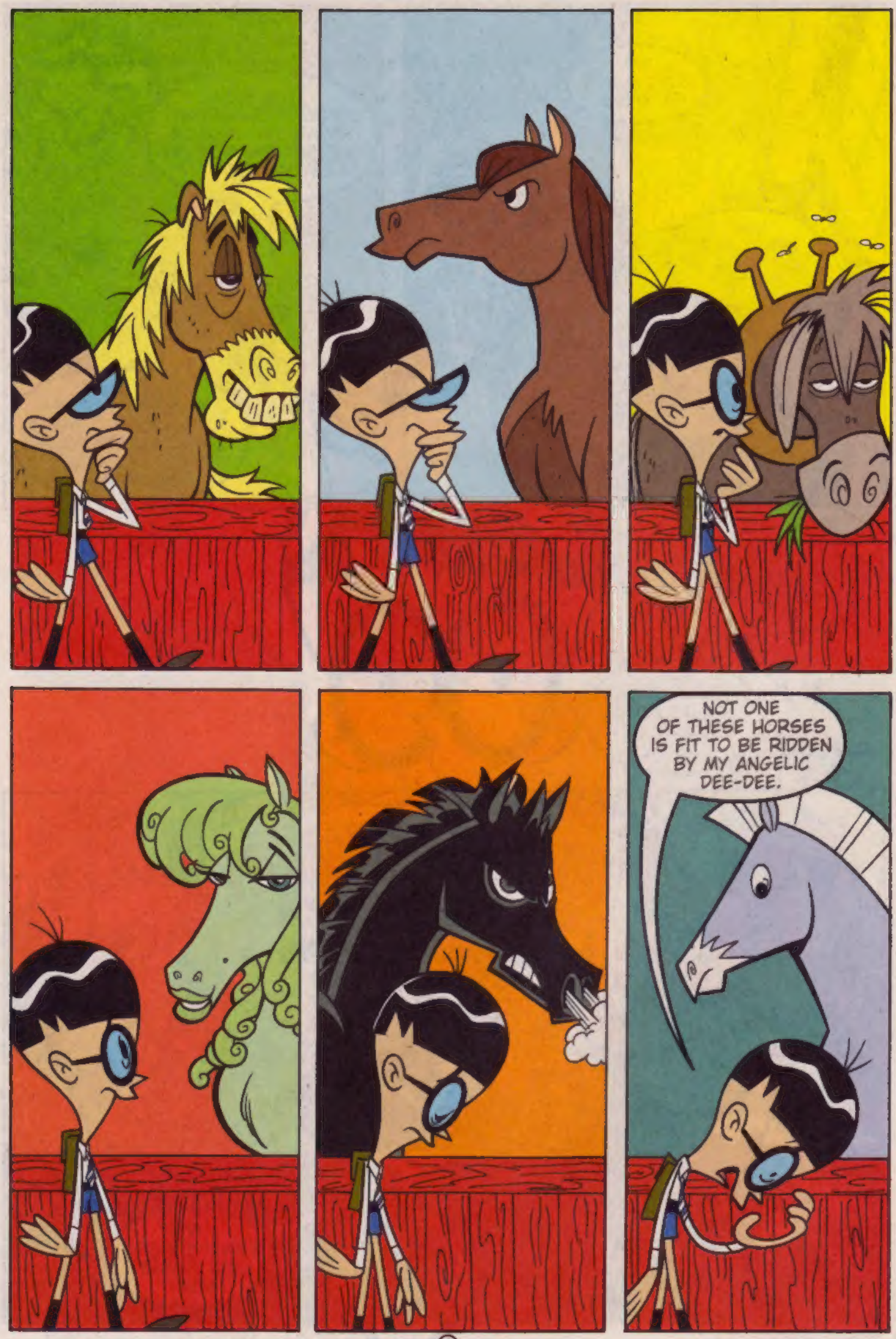
NOW IS MY CHANCE TO PROVE THE DEPTH OF MY LOVE. I MUST OBTAIN THE PERFECT BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR DEE-DEE!
THE PRESENT TO BEAT ALL PRESENTS!
BUT WHAT, WHAT CAN IT BE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR, DEE-DEE?
WHAT IS IT THAT ALL LITTLE GIRLS DESIRE?
THE SAME THING I WANT EVERY YEAR! THE THING I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
WHAT IS IT THAT SETS DEE-DEE'S HEART A-FLUTTER?
WHAT?!
A PONY!
I'LL HAVE TO CONCOCT A PLAN TO FIND OUT.

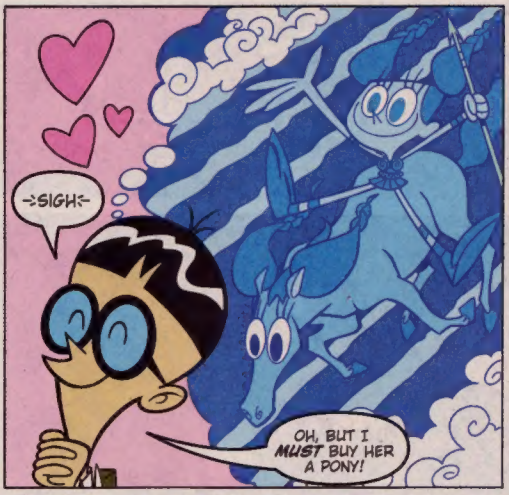
PONY
CURSES.
NOT A SINGLE CLUE.
MY EYES HAVE DISCOVERED NOTHING.
MAYBE MY EARS CAN!
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH *PONY* BLAH BLAH *PONY* BLAH BLAH BLAH *PONY* BLAH BLAH
UH HUH.
THAT'S NICE.


THIS PLAN IS NOT WORKING.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?

YOU ARE SNOOPING AROUND TRYING TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF MY LABORATORY!!!!
RELAX! I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I SHOULD GET YOUR SISTER FOR HER BIRTHDAY!

EVEN I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO GET HER. ALL SHE DOES IS GO ON AND ON ABOUT WANTING A STOOPID PONY.
HA! AS IF OUR PARENTS WOULD ACTUALLY GET HER ONE.
HUBER'S HORSERY
Thousands Available to Lease or Own
I WILL EXAMINE EACH AND EVERY ONE!


NOT ONE OF THESE HORSES IS FIT TO BE RIDDEN BY MY ANGELIC DEE-DEE.


:-SIGH:-
OH, BUT I MUST BUY HER A PONY!

GASP!
MY FEEBLE ALLOWANCE WOULD NOT PURCHASE A HORSE ONE-THIRD THE PRICE OF THIS ONE!
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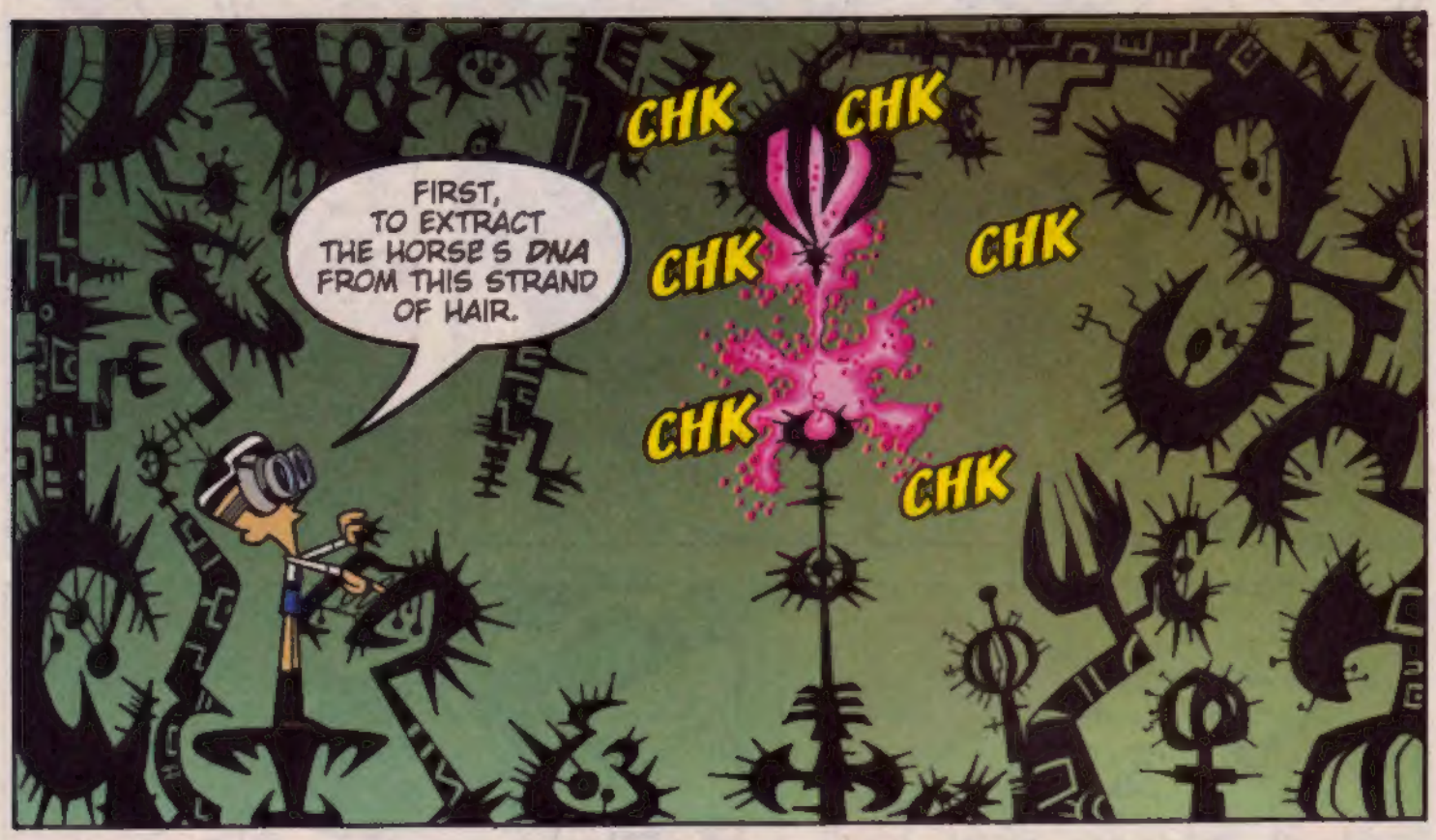
OH, I AM A SORRY SOUL INDEED!
NO OTHER GIFT CAN MEASURE UP AGAINST A PONY! IF I CANNOT OBTAIN ONE FOR DEE-DEE, THEN I AM LOST!

:-SOB!:-
BOO-HOO-HOO...

EH?

I DO NOT NEED TO BUY A HORSE.

I CAN MAKE ONE OF MY VERY OWN!


FIRST, TO EXTRACT THE HORSE'S DNA FROM THIS STRAND OF HAIR.
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK

AND NOW, TO BREW A GENETIC STEW THAT WILL CREATE THE IDEAL PONY FOR MY BELOVED!
WHIRR

FIRST, DNA FROM A GIANT SQUID, THE ANIMAL WITH THE LARGEST EYES.
NEXT, DNA FROM THE PINKEST EARTHWORM, AND DNA FROM THE YELLOWEST CANARY, FOLLOWED BY DNA FROM THE SILKIEST SILKMOTH.
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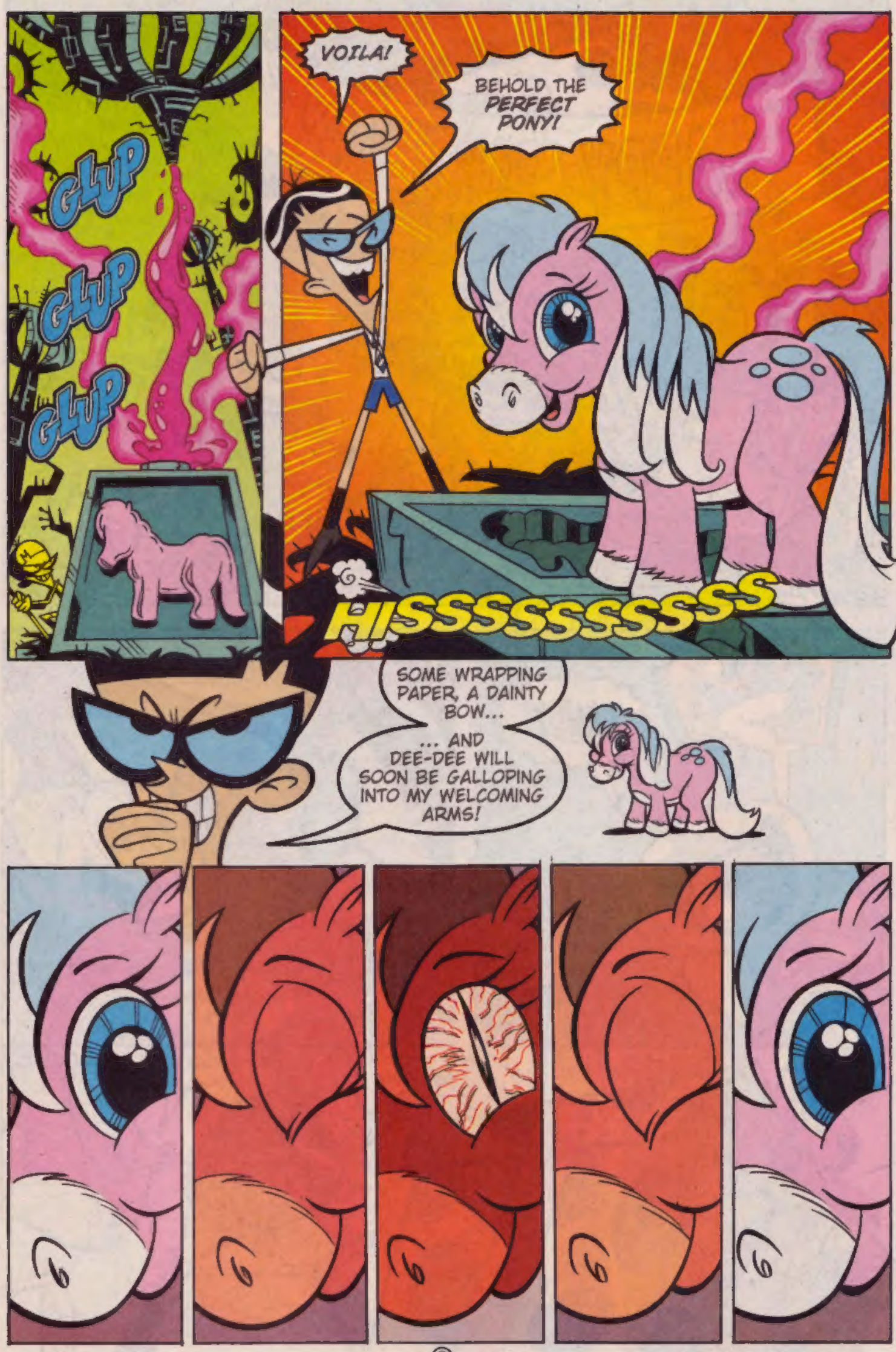
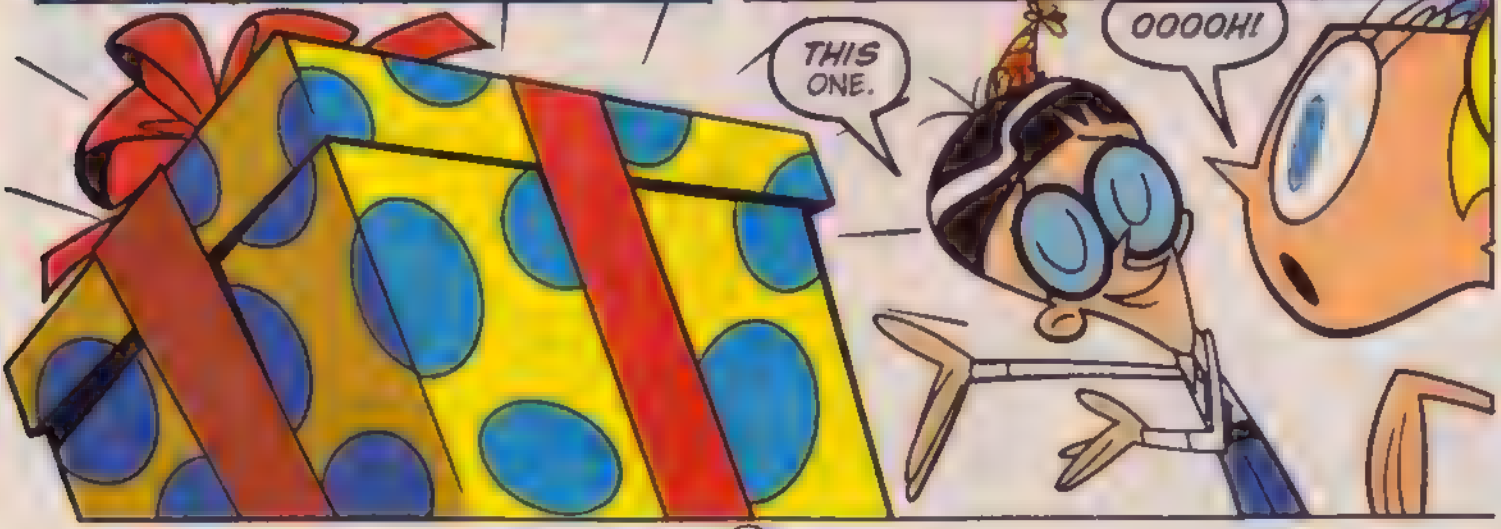

GLUP
GLUP
GLUP
VOILA!
BEHOLD THE PERFECT PONY!
HISSSSSSSSSS
SOME WRAPPING PAPER, A DAINTY BOW...
... AND DEE-DEE WILL SOON BE GALLOPING INTO MY WELCOMING ARMS!

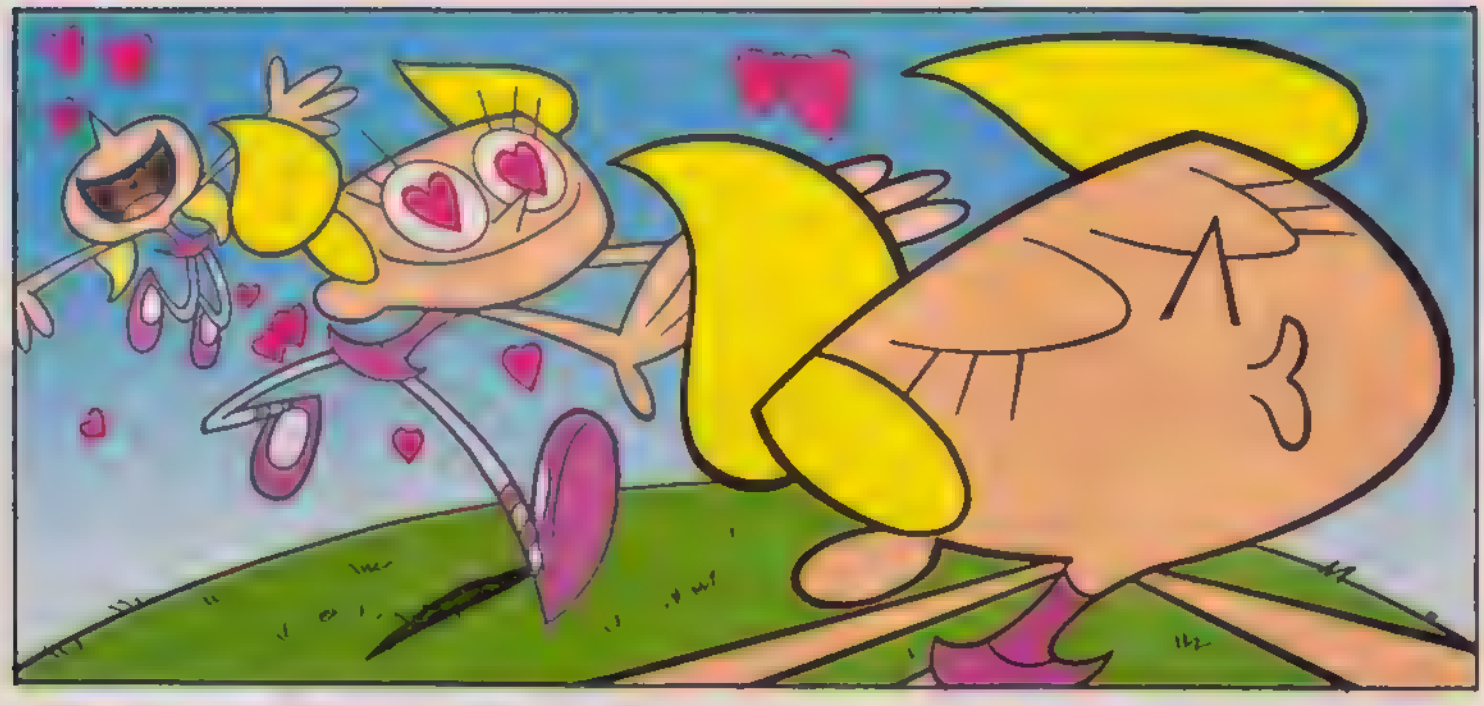
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SHRED
RIP
CRINKLE
TEAR

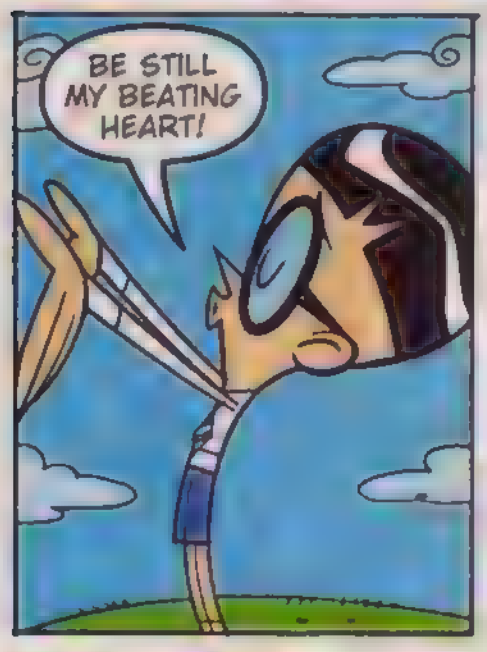
CANDY!

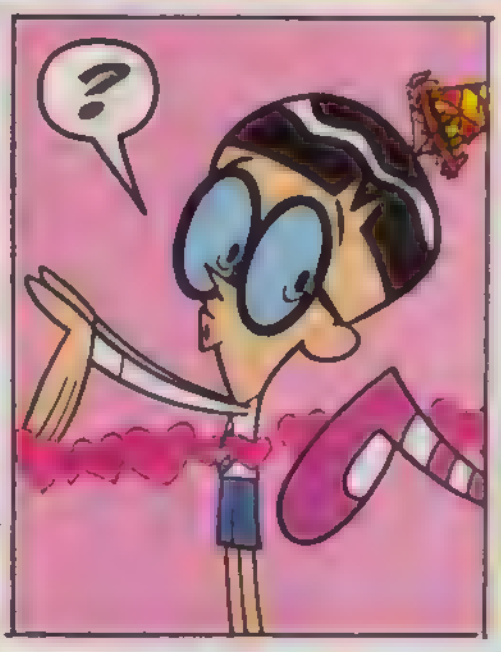
WHY DON'T YOU OPEN MINE NEXT, DEE-DEE?
OKAY!
WHICH ONE'S YOURS?


THIS ONE.
OOOOH!

SHRED
RIP
TEAR
A PONY!
I MADE IT MYSELF.
"I MADE IT MYSELF."
GIVE ME A BREAK.




BE STILL MY BEATING HEART!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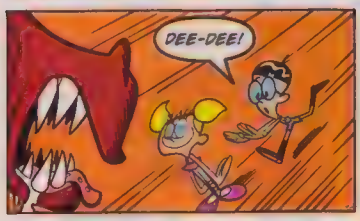
SMEK

THIS TIME, I HAVE EVEN OUTSMARTED MYSELF.
IN DEE-DEE'S HEART, THERE IS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE. AGAINST THE PERFECT PONY, I HAVE NO...

... CHANCE?

OH, NO! MY CREATION IS FLAWED!
HAH! YOU CALL THAT A HORSE?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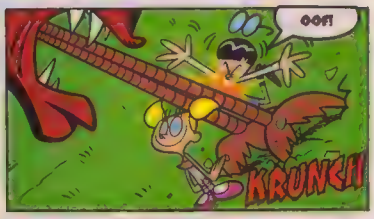
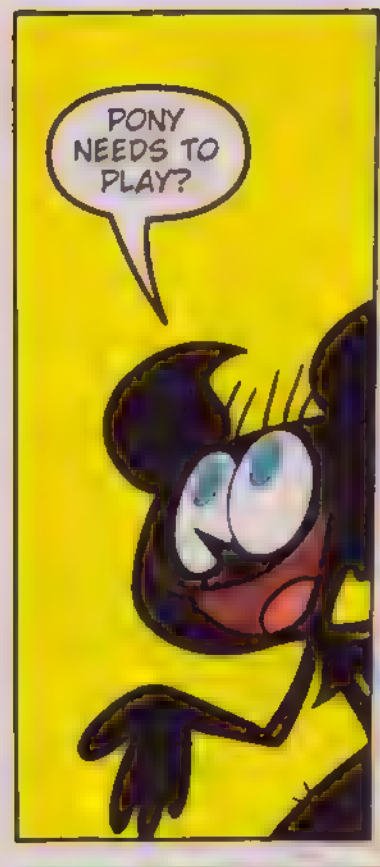

OOF!
KRUNCH

ROAARRRR
AAHHHHH

ROAARRRR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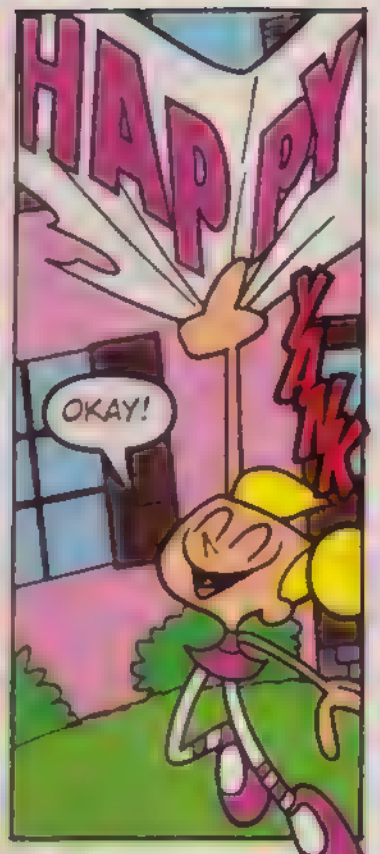
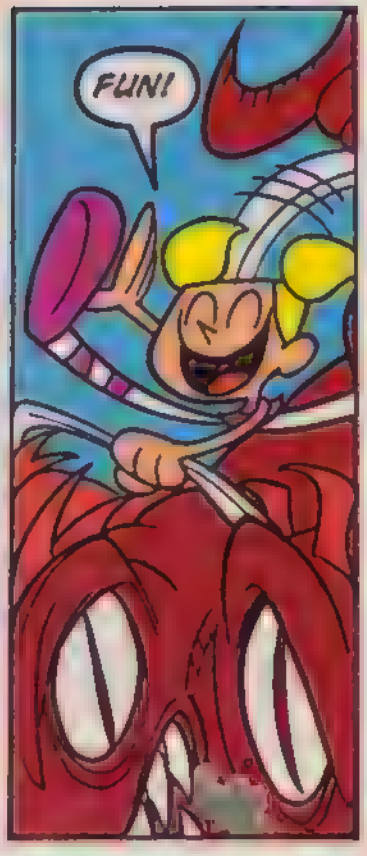

HAPPY
OKAY!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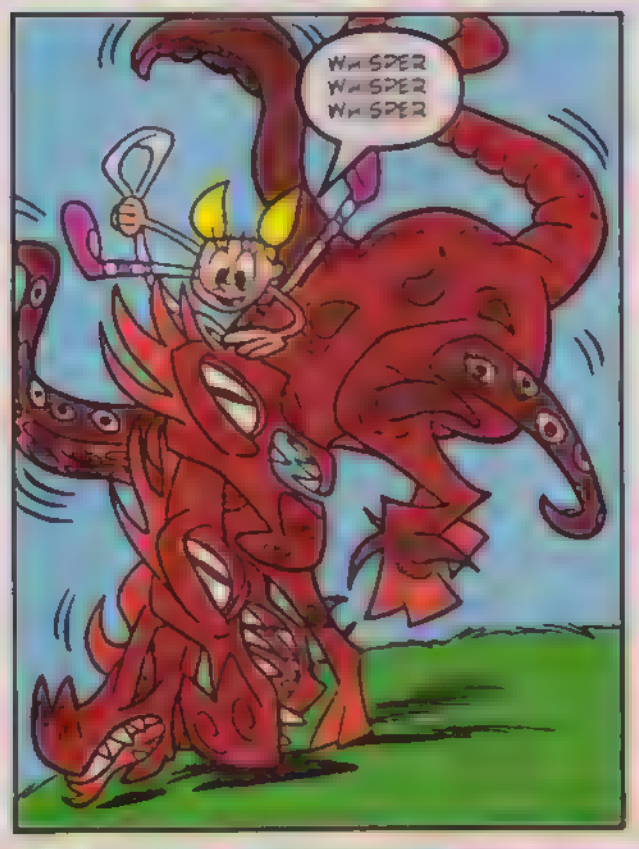
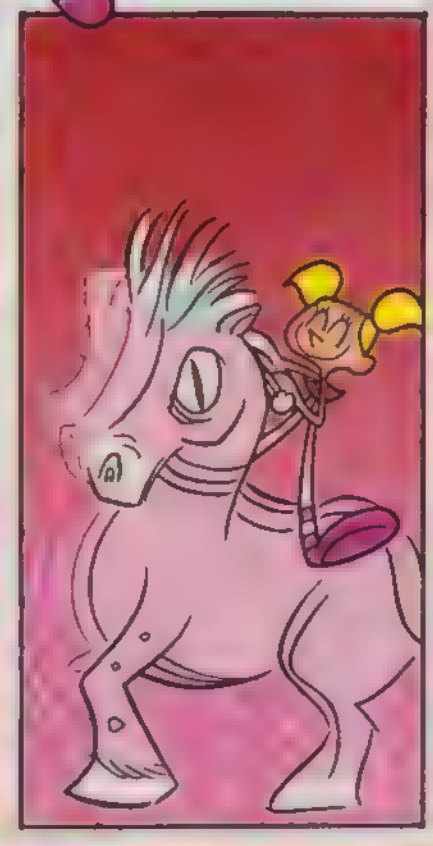
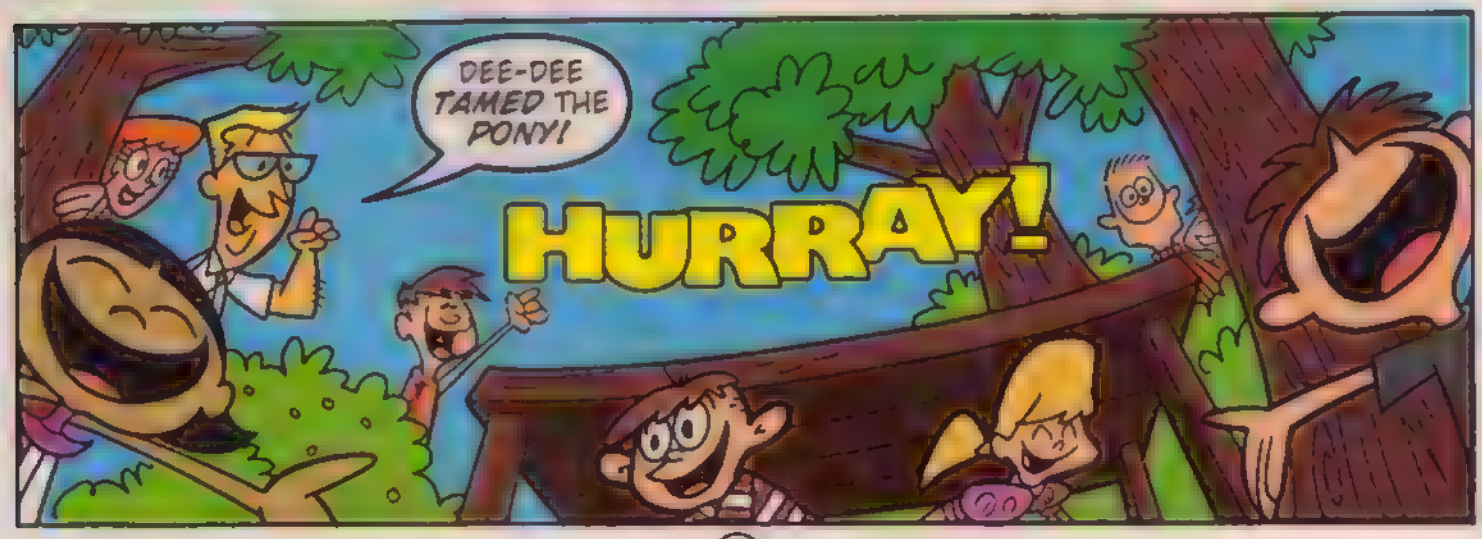
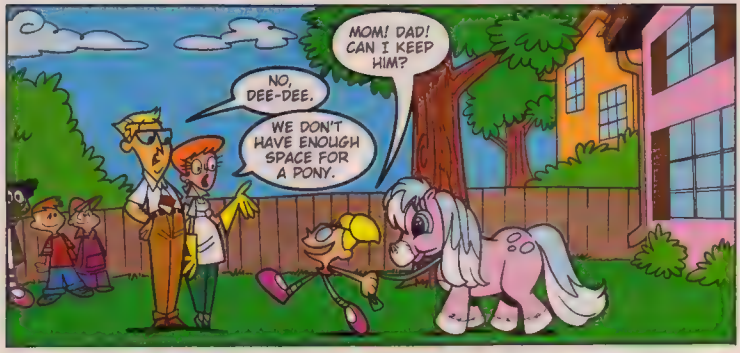

WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER

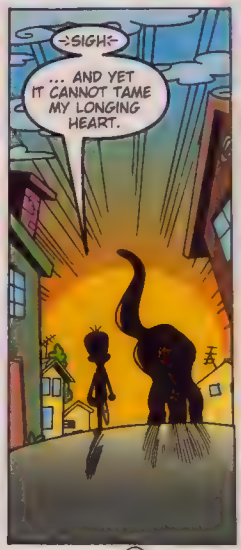



DEE-DEE TAMED THE PONY!
HURRAY!


MOM! DAD! CAN I KEEP HIM?
NO, DEE-DEE.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR A PONY.

OKAY.
HERE YOU GO, MANDARK! THANKS ANYWAY!
-SIGH-

OH, SUCH POWER DEE-DEE HAS WITHIN HER, THAT IT CAN TAME YOUR MONSTROUS FORM...


-SIGH-
... AND YET IT CANNOT TAME MY LONGING HEART.

ROAR
HELP!
DEE-DEE!
THE END

MINIATURIZED GOLF
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-SIGH-
I HATE SPORTS.

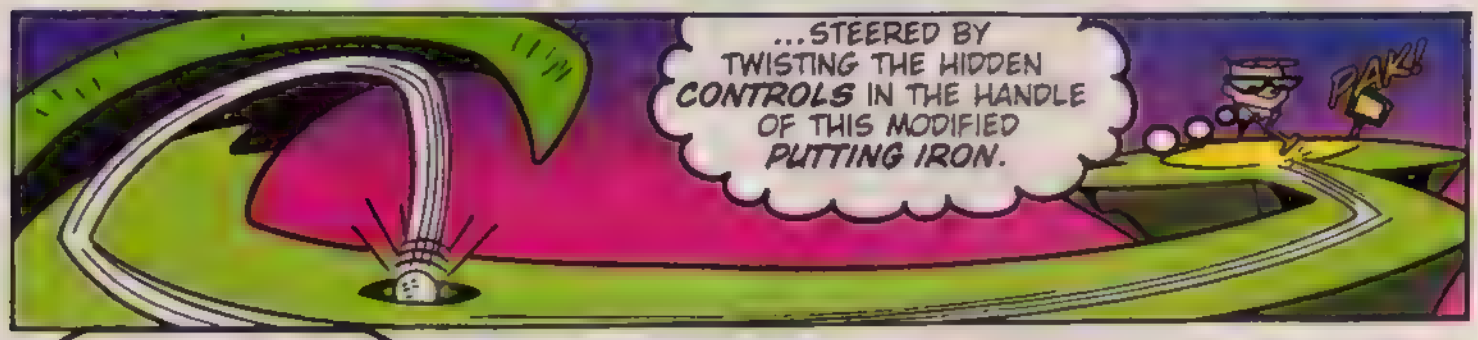
-SIGH-

YAHOO! THREE GAMES, THREE WINS!
HURRY UP, SON. WE'RE TWO GAMES AHEAD OF YOU!
THREE. DEXTER'S STILL ON THE FIRST HOLE OF HIS FIRST GAME!
FINISH

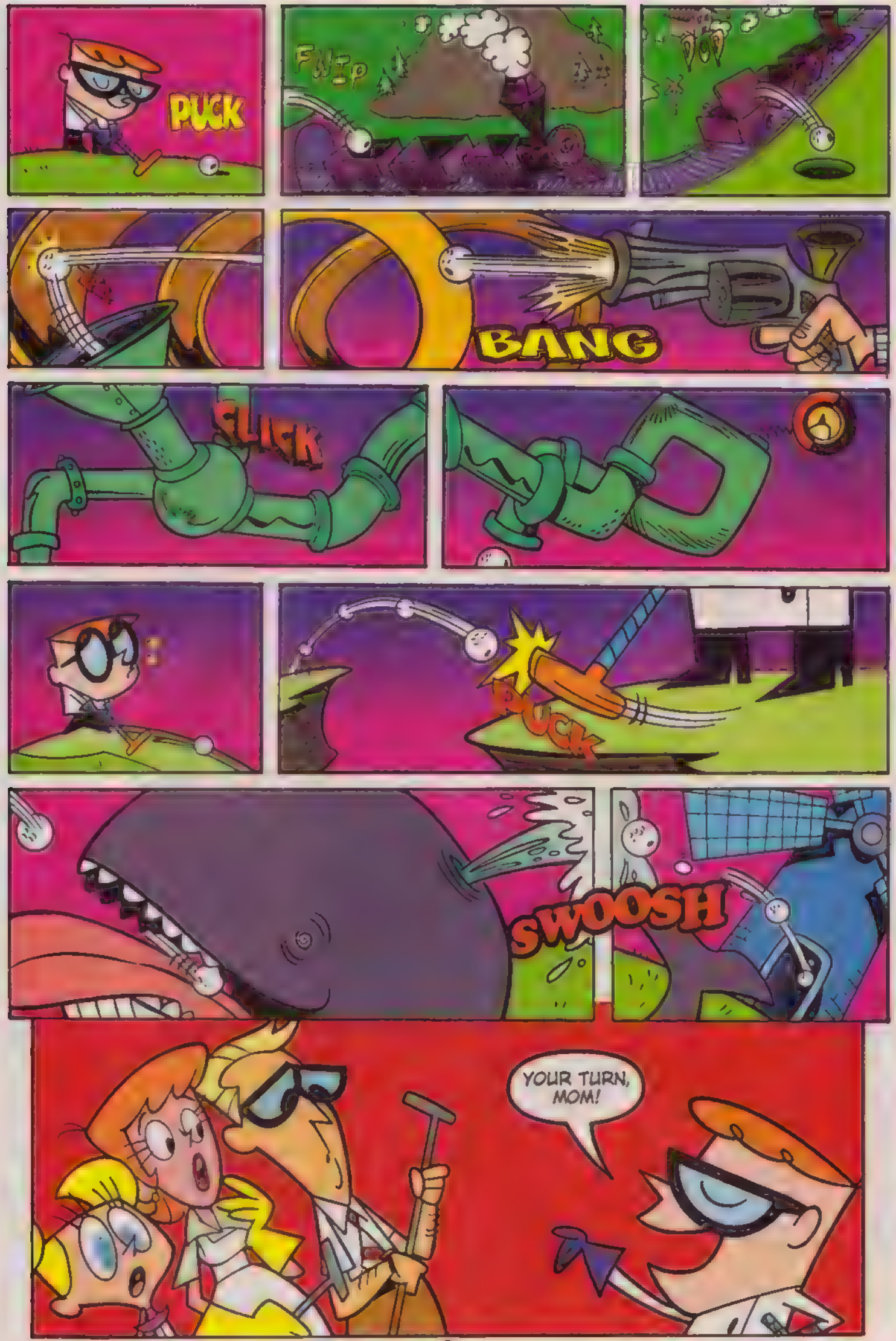
-SIGH-
I HATE SPORTS.

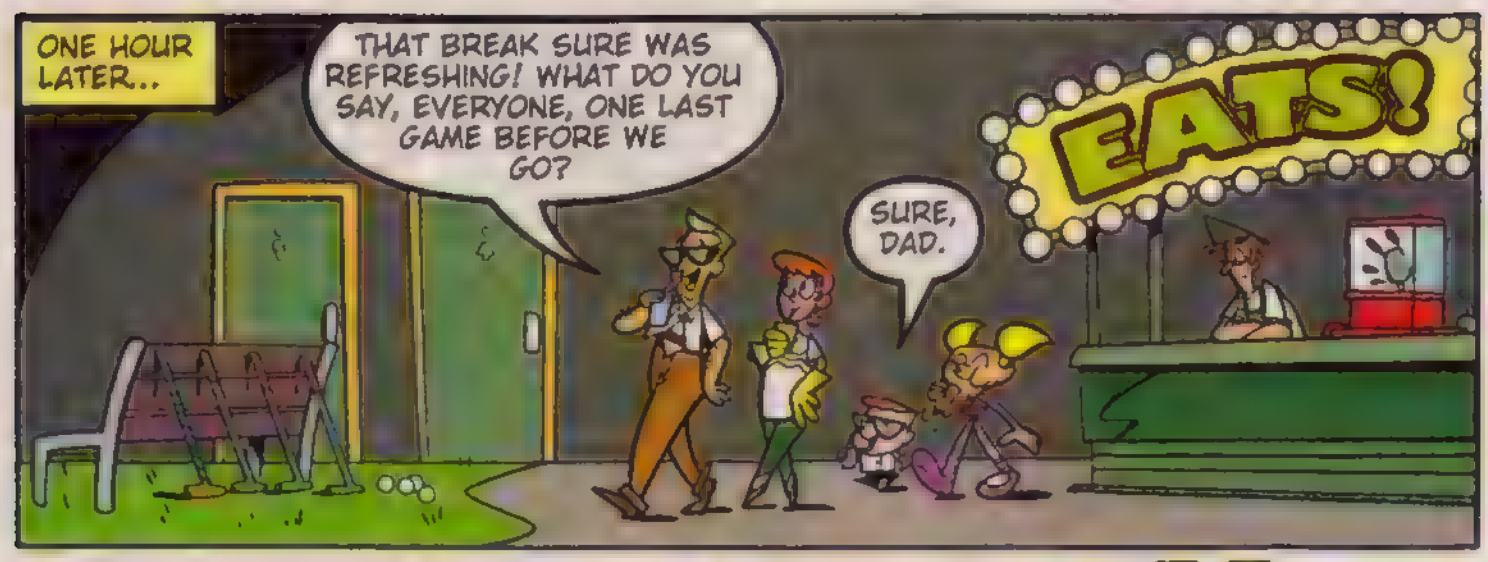
THREE DAYS LATER.
PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO GO FIRST.
SURE THING, DEXTER.
GOSH, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU SHOWING SUCH ENTHUSIASM! I THOUGHT YOU HATED SPORTS!

IT IS MERELY A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE AND PRACTICE...
...AND A REMOTE-CONTROLLED GOLF BALL...


...STEERED BY TWISTING THE HIDDEN CONTROLS IN THE HANDLE OF THIS MODIFIED PUTTING IRON.
PAK!

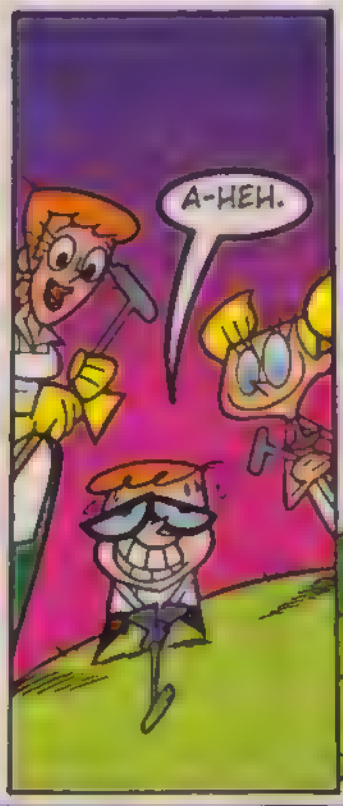
GREAT PUTT, DEXTER! YOU SEE? ALL THE DIFFICULTY YOU WERE HAVING LAST TIME WAS ACTUALLY VALUABLE PRACTICE!
HMPH! LUCKY SHOT!


PUCK
FLIP
POP
BANG
CLICK
BUCK
SWOOSH
YOUR TURN, MOM!


ONE HOUR LATER...
THAT BREAK SURE WAS REFRESHING! WHAT DO YOU SAY, EVERYONE, ONE LAST GAME BEFORE WE GO?
SURE, DAD.
EATS!

YOU GO FIRST, DEXTER, SINCE YOU'RE BEATING THE PANTS OFF THE REST OF US. I'D BETTER PRACTICE MY SWING!
OH NO! THAT IS MY SPECIAL PUTTER!

UM, DAD, WOULD YOU MIND SWITCHING...
NO, NO, YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD, SON!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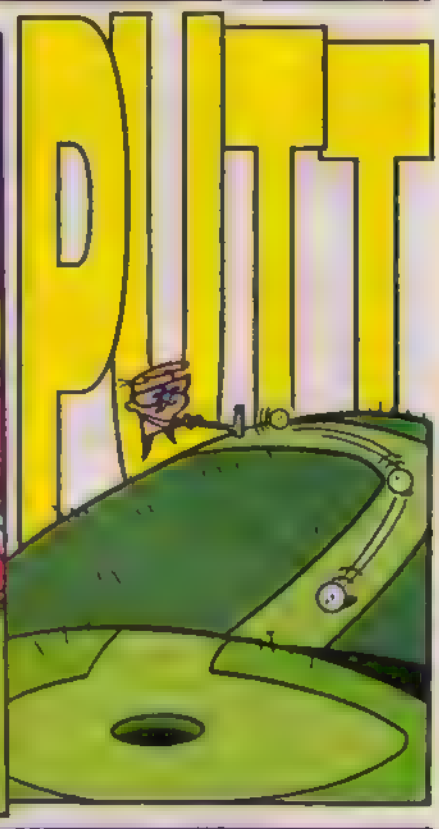
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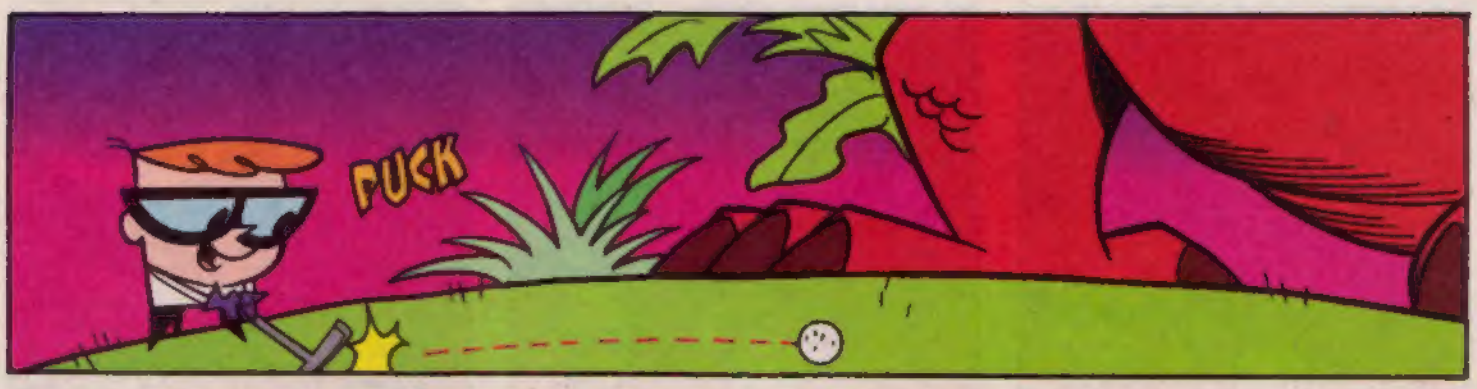
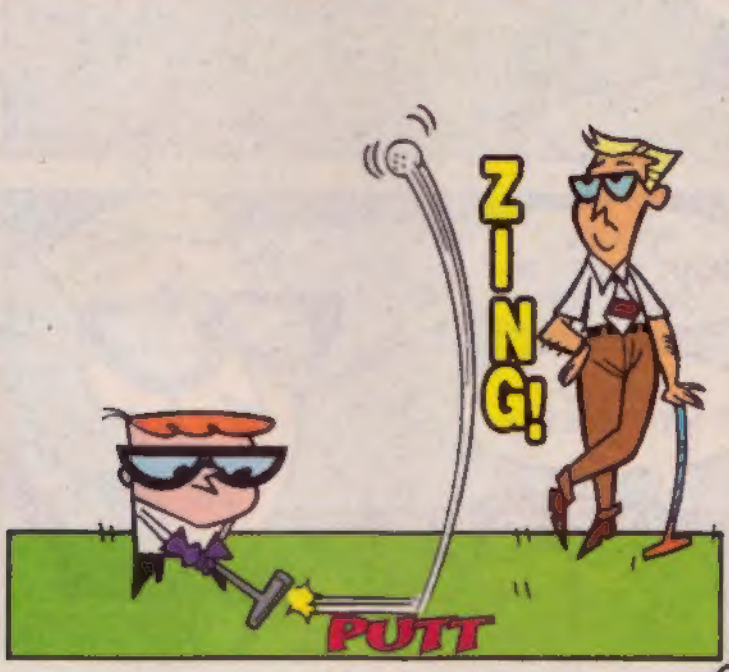
PING
PLOP!
ZIP
OH, TOO BAD, DEXTER. BETTER TRY AGAIN.

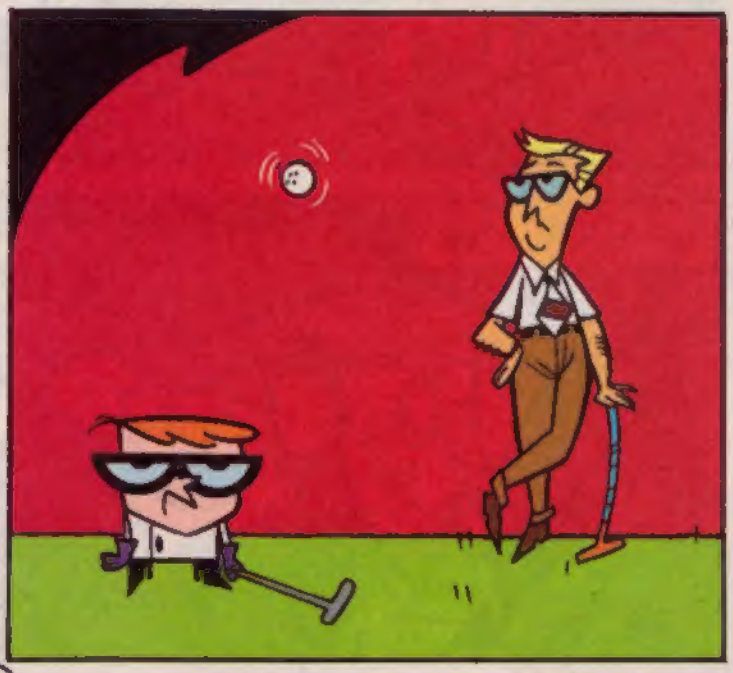

PUCK

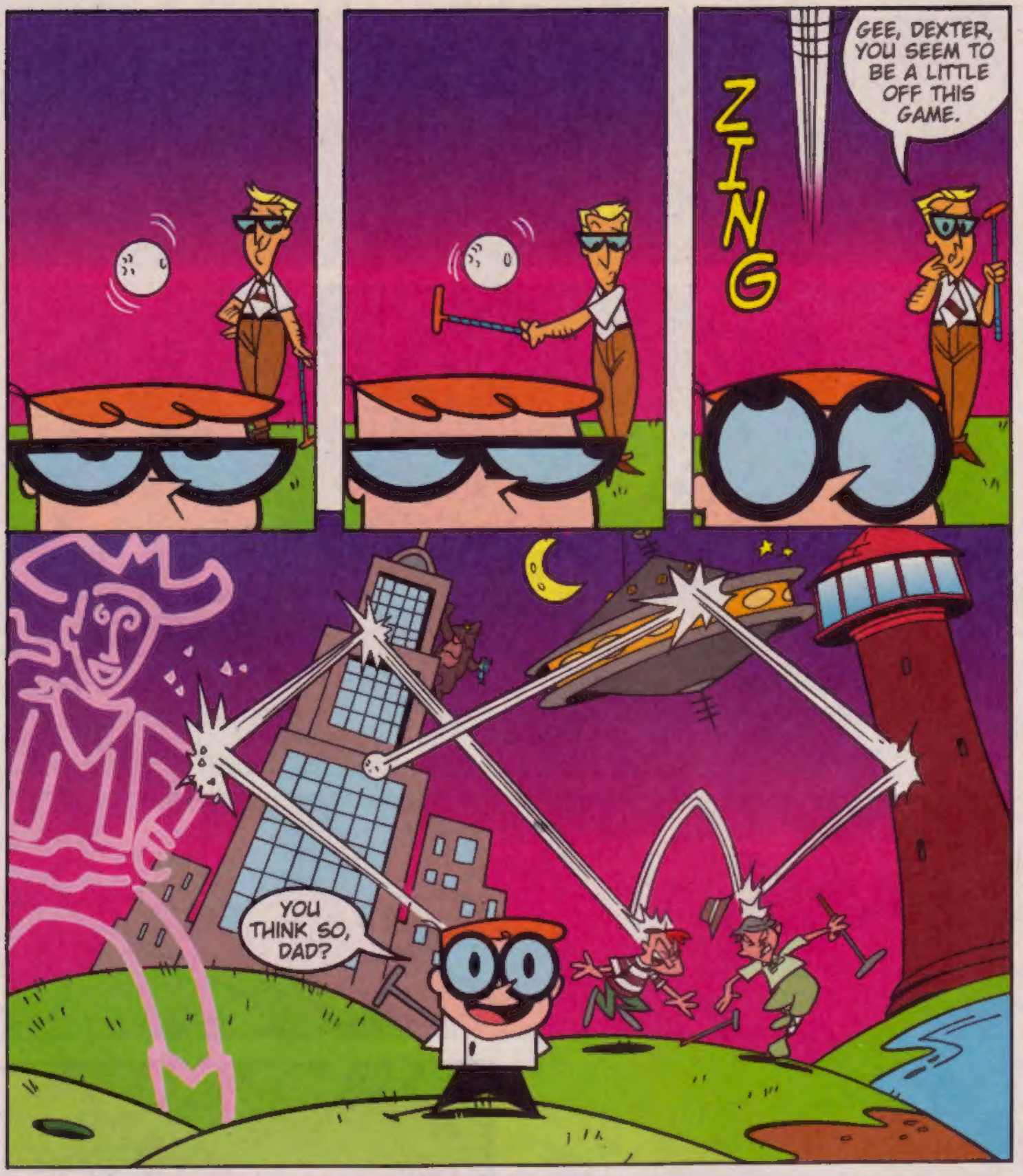
MAYBE A DIFFERENT GRIP.
TWIST

EVERY TIME DAD MOVES MY SPECIAL CLUB, HE ALTERS THE TRAJECTORY OF MY BALL!
ZIP
POK

YOU CAN DO IT, DEXTER.
AT LEAST HE IS STANDING STILL.


ZING!
PUTT




ZING
GEE, DEXTER, YOU SEEM TO BE A LITTLE OFF THIS GAME.
YOU THINK SO, DAD?

ONE HOUR LATER.
TOO BAD ABOUT THAT LAST GAME, SON.
-SIGH- I HATE SPORTS.
THE END

LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

When will Mandark learn that you can't win a girl's heart with gifts? Everyone knows you have to go through the parents.

Maybe Mandark will learn more about "love" from all of the DEXTER'S LABORATORY fans who love Dexter. So let's review the latest fan mail. You can share in the love by writing in or sending pictures of your favorite DEXTER'S LABORATORY character.

—Harvey Richards

Luke Carlson
Jacobson, MN

Dear Cartoon Network:

I think DEXTER'S LABORATORY is one of the few cartoons today that is worth watching. I haven't seen very many TV episodes, but of the ones I have seen, I can say that I laughed all the way through. DEXTER'S LABORATORY is a genius cartoon. There are many elements that make this cartoon unique. Dexter's weird accent, the flashing lights and explosions that take place in the lab, even the simple, practical style of art used in the show all combine to make this a wonderful cartoon. I haven't seen any other like it.

I also collect the DEXTER'S LABORATORY comic book, and it, too, is unbeatable. It has all the "Dexter-ish" things in it that make the show so good. But even so, I think it's too bad the show is ending. The comic book is still really great, but I miss the animation and loud noises that the show had. Every episode was truly exceptional. It has even been nominated for Emmy Awards. I don't see why such a good show had to go, after all those fun and hilarious episodes. I thought the show was one of the best, and I really wish you would bring it back.

Will there ever be any full "Justice Friends" or "Dial 'M' for Monkey" stories in the comics? I would love to see them.

Good news, Luke! Cartoon Network has announced plans to release 13 new Dexter's Laboratory episodes!

There are no plans to use the Justice Friends, but keep your eyes peeled for a future appearance of "Dial 'M' for Monkey."

Pedro Ramos
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Dexter's Laboratory staff,

Thank you for producing the several Cartoon Network comic books, which I am having great fun reading with my kid. After a time when the industry kept saying that comics weren't just for kids, it is time people understood that comics aren't just for grown-ups any longer!

Tom Alsop
Via the Internet

Hey, Guys!

I just had to write to you and tell you what a great job you've been doing on the comic and how much I've enjoyed every issue, seeing how it's been just over a year since the first issue!

I also wanted to say to all the people who have been writing in complaining about the fact that there are no new Dexter's Lab episodes being made: Writing in and complaining isn't going to do anything. The only reply you'll get is to read the comics every month (and you should, too).

My favorite artist that I've seen in the comic so far (not including Genndy "The Man" Tartakovsky) is probably Chris Savino. His work in "Leave Me Aclone" was very nice; it was almost hard to tell the difference between work by him and Genndy (The Man) Tartakovsky!

Just one more thing: I was very disappointed by the main story in Issue #11, "No Gloves, No Love." The cover showed Dexter's mum (you know I'm Australian!) discovering his lab. I thought this would be a really cool story but when I read it, I saw that never happened! I was very disappointed. We don't stand for that here in Australia. Well, that's about it. Be sure to print my letter or a horrible curse will befall you.

We love Chris Savino's art, too. One of the reasons Chris's art is so close to Genndy's (besides the fact that Chris is very talented) is that he and Genndy work so closely together. In fact, Chris works at Cartoon Network studios in California. Chris has also created his own Cartoon Network property called "Foe Paws."

It premiered on Cartoon Network last June. Hopefully you caught it.

Sorry you didn't like the cover for DEXTER'S LABORATORY #11. Our intention was to show that Mom would be so consumed with finding her lost gloves that nothing else would matter — not even Dexter's Lab!

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This issue's cover by Bill Wray.

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Dexter hangs up his lab coat for some truly deadly duds in "Dexter's New Clothes"; plus, Dee-Dee and Dexter hunt for homework in a haunted house! Written by John Rozum and Dave Roman; art by John Delaney, Joe Suggs and Jeff Albrecht; cover by Bill Wray.

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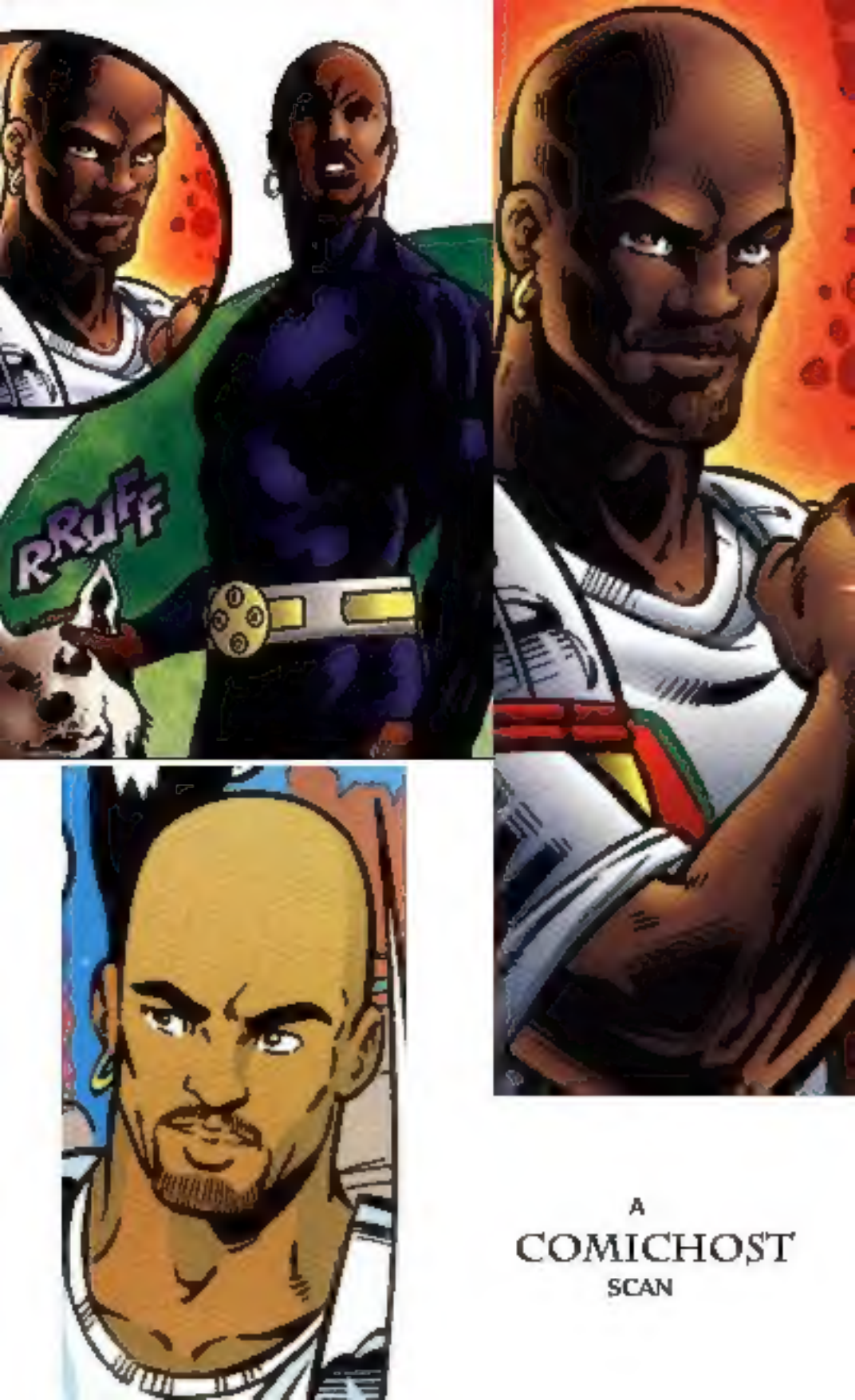

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